



Adult Education & Literacy Frequently Asked Questions - HCC

Adult High School Program (AHS)

What is the AHS Program?

The AHS program is a partnership between Blue Ridge Community College and Henderson County Public Schools. The program allows you to complete your high school coursework through our Adult Education department and obtain an Adult High School Diploma.

How much do the classes cost? The classes are free.

When are the classes offered?

Classes are offered through a web-based program. You can work at home or come in and work in our College and Career Readiness Lab.

Where is the College and Career Readiness Lab?

Continuing Education building, room 201.

How long do the classes run?

Classes run continuously throughout the year. Our attendance policy is a minimum of 4 hours per week. The more time you put into completing your courses, the faster you will complete them!

What are the requirements for entering the program?

You must obtain a copy of your high school transcript. If you are under the age of 18, you must have a signed affidavit. Once you have these documents, you must sign up for orientation. At orientation, you take an assessment. Students entering the AHS program must score an Intermediate High level on the assessment to be eligible for the AHS program. If you score below the Intermediate High Level, you can work on your skills in our College & Career Readiness Center to bring up your score. Once you reach the Intermediate High Level, you can enter into the AHS program.

When is orientation offered?

The orientation schedule depends on the semester. Once we receive your application and transcript, we will contact you with available orientation dates.

How do I get verification I am attending class?

You may request a verification letter after attending a minimum of 40 hours of class time and after completing a post test. Please allow seven to ten business days from the date of your request.

Who do I contact about classes?

Adult Education & Literacy office at (828) 694-1745

High School Equivalency Preparation Program

Do I have to take the prep classes or can I just take the High School Equivalency (HSE) tests?

Classes are to help prepare you for the official tests. If you already feel prepared, you can choose to go directly into HSE testing.

How much do the classes cost? The classes are free.

When are the classes offered?

Classes are offered during the morning and run continuously in Fall, Spring, and Summer.

Do you offer Online Classes?

Yes! We have a Distance Learning program.

Where are the classes offered?

Continuing Education building, second floor, room 201.

How long will the program take to complete?

The length of time it takes a student to complete depends on their academic level and how much time they spend studying. Our attendance policy is a minimum of 4 hours per week.

What are the requirements for entering classes?

If you are under the age of 18, you will need to get a signed affidavit. Complete and submit an application (and affidavit if needed). Once we have your application, we will call to schedule you for orientation.

When is orientation offered?

The orientation schedule depends on the semester. Once we receive your application, we will contact you with available orientation dates.

How do I get verification I am attending class?

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Who do I contact about classes or questions?

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: High School Equivalency (HSE) Testing

What are my choices for HSE Testing?

Blue Ridge Community College offers two HSE exam options: ETS HiSET® and the Pearson VUE GED®. Both exams are available on computer; HiSET offers an additional paper-based option. Both exams measure high school equivalency and lead to the *North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges High School Equivalency Diploma*.

Where can I take the High School Equivalency (HSE) exam?

In addition to free academic preparation offered through Adult Basic & Secondary Education, Blue Ridge Community College offers two HSE exam options that lead to a diploma. Both exams are offered during the day and evening at the Henderson County and Transylvania County campuses.

How do I sign up for testing?

We recommend you attend class orientation first to take placement level assessments and ensure you are ready to take the HSE exams. If you choose to test without an evaluation, visit a website below to create an account, view the BRCC test schedule options, and register for your exam.

ETS HiSET®

Cost: \$10 per subject test (\$50 total). Includes 2 free retakes per subject within the calendar year. The five subject tests are: Language Arts-Reading, Language Arts-Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

Register online: www.hiset.ets.org

Pearson Vue GED®

Cost: \$20 per subject test (\$80 total). Includes 2 free retakes per subject within the calendar year. The full battery includes four subject tests: Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies.

Register online: www.ged.com

Who do I call if I have additional questions about testing?

Call the Adult Education & Literacy office at (828) 694-1745.